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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For (title): HEAT ACTIVATED REINFORCING SLEEVE

1. Type of Application

This application is for a continuation.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications. Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS CLAIMED.

3. Papers Enclosed

- A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

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9 Page(s) of Specification
 3 Page(s) of Claims
 2 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Informal (Figs. 1-5) (as originally filed)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

3 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney
 1 Page(s) of abstract
 3 Page(s) of Application Data Sheet
 1 Page of Transmittal of Formal Drawings with 2 Sheets for Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-5)

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

Amendment to claims

Cancel in this applications claims 2-19 before calculating the filing fee.

Preliminary Amendment

5. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed - Executed by inventors.

6. Language

English

7. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to L&L Products, Inc. is attached recorded in Reel 012874, Frame 0637 on May 8, 2002 in parent application, Serial No. 09/524,961.

8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---|----|--------------|---|---|------|-------|--|----------|
| | Number Filed | | | Number Extra | | | Rate | | Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$750.00 | |
| Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)) | 21 | - | 20 | = | 1 | x | \$ | 18.00 | = | \$ 18.00 |
| Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)) | 3 | - | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$ | 84.00 | = | \$ 0.00 |

1.16(b))

Multiple Dependent
Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. §
1.16(d))

\$ 280.00

\$ 0.00

Amendment cancelling extra claims is enclosed.

Filing Fee Calculation

\$768.00

9. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed

Filing Fee

\$768.00

Total Fees Enclosed

\$768.00

10. Method of Payment of Fees

Attached is a check in the amount of \$768.00.

Charge any additional fees required by this paper to deposit account 50-1097.

11. Instructions as to Overpayment

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ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S.
APPLICATIONS CLAIMED
(37 C.F.R. § 1.78)

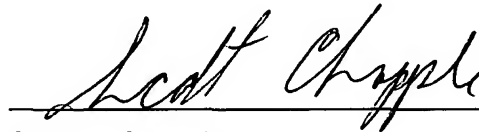
13. Relate Back

Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line following the title, the following sentence:

A. 35 U.S.C. Sections 120, 121 and 365(c)

"This application is a continuation of copending Application number 10/216,944 filed on August 12, 2002, which is a continuation of Application number 09/524,961 filed on March 14, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,482,486, and claims the benefit of the filing date of both applications."

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